

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : Hon.  
v. : Crim. No. 05-  
ANTHONY PALUGHI : 18 U.S.C. §§ 666(a)(1)(B)  
and 2

**INFORMATION**

The defendant having waived in open court prosecution by Indictment, the United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey charges:

Soliciting, Demanding, Accepting and Agreeing to Accept  
Cash Payments in Exchange for Official Action and Influence

1. At all times relevant to this Information:

(A) defendant ANTHONY PALUGHI was the Superintendent of the Division of Bridges in Monmouth County and an aide to the Freeholder Director of the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders. Prior to his employment in these positions, PALUGHI held other elected and appointed positions throughout Monmouth County. PALUGHI became familiar with various public officials in Monmouth County and other areas through his employment in various capacities in Monmouth County.

(B) defendant ANTHONY PALUGHI solicited, demanded and accepted corrupt cash payments from others in exchange for his agreement to use his official positions in Monmouth County to assist others and to influence other Monmouth County and local, including, but not limited to, Township of Neptune, public officials to assist others in county and local official matters involving contracts and matters valued at \$5,000 or more as opportunities arose.

(C) defendant ANTHONY PALUGHI further acted as an intermediary on behalf of other Monmouth County and local, including, but not limited to, Township of Neptune, public officials to arrange for the turnover of corrupt cash payments to these officials.

(D) Monmouth County is a State government entity that received benefits in excess of \$10,000 under a Federal program involving Federal assistance during the relevant one-year period.

(E) The Township of Neptune is a local government entity that received benefits in excess of \$10,000 under a Federal program involving Federal assistance during the relevant one-year period.

## **The Charge**

2. From in or about March, 2004 to in or about October, 2004, in Monmouth County, in the District of New Jersey, and elsewhere, defendant

ANTHONY PALUGHI

knowingly and willfully did corruptly solicit and demand for the benefit of himself and others, and accept, and agree to accept cash payments from others, intending to be influenced and rewarded in connection with a business, transaction, and series of transactions of Monmouth County and other local government entities, involving contracts valued at \$5,000 or more.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 666(a)(1)(B) and 2.

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